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On behalf of the Unified Command established pursuant to Security Council resolution 84 of 7 July 1950, I have the honour to submit a special report of the United Nations Command concerning the appointment of Major General Hwang Won-Tak as the UNCMAC Senior member.

I request that this letter, together with the enclosed special report of the United Nations Command, be circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Thomas R. PICKERING

Annex

United Nations Command Special Report to the
United Nations Security Council

This report provides notice that, effective 25 March 1991, Major General Hwang Won-Tak, Republic of Korea Army, assumes duties as the United Nations Command Military Armistice Commission Senior Member. He replaces Major General James F. Record, United States Air Force.

United Nations Security Council resolution 84 (1950) established the United Nations Command and requested reports, as appropriate, on activities of the Unified Command. To end that conflict, the Commander In Chief, United Nations Command signed the Armistice Agreement and currently maintains that agreement on behalf of the United Nations and the Republic of Korea. Paragraph 20 of the Armistice Agreement established a Military Armistice Commission to oversee Armistice affairs. The Armistice Agreement does not address Military Armistice Commission membership by nationality or United Nations affiliation and it gives no guidelines for designating a senior member. Each side of the Military Armistice Commission, the United Nations Command and the Korean People's Army/Chinese People's Volunteers (KPA/CPV), has discretionary authority to appoint its members; such appointments cannot be subject to review or approval by the other side. The new appointment will not cause any significant change in the way the Military Armistice Commission functions.

The United Nations Command reaffirms its commitment to provisions of relevant United Nations Security Council resolutions to maintain the Korean Armistice and preserve peace on the Peninsula.